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FAR FROM QUEMOY -- THE EMBATTLED SCHOOLS

As the world's two nuclear giants locked horns over the fate of the Chi- e offshore islands, with Chiang Kai-shek begging the United States to let mount an air attack on the mainland, Americans found themselves embattled home. The question: have black American children a right to the same edu- ion as white American children?

In Virginia, the governor said no, ying Federal court rulings to admit groes to public schools in Front yal, Charlottesville and elsewhere. Charlottesville, two rival groups re setting up makeshift emergency vate schools -- one pledged to dis- d when public schools reopen, and other insisting on the return of regation.

In Arkansas, Negro students peace- ly entered Van Buren High School, threats of a white boycott were not ried out. But in Little Rock, Gov. ubus closed four high schools and ounced a referendum for Sept. 27 on lan to reopen them on a segregated is under a "private" corporation. en fifty ministers and elders of the shburn Presbytery asked him to nge his mind, Faubus said the Pres- erians had been "brainwashed" by eft-wingers and Communists." Among numerous protests this brought was remark of Dr. Paul Lee Sturges, cutive secretary of the Massachu- ts Baptist Convention, that it was re likely that they had been "heart- shed" by the Spirit of Christ.

Some Christian voices have sounded ill. In its Sept. 24 editorial, the *istian Century* called for "federal- tion of public education up to the lege level," and the Rev. Dr. Eu- e Carson Blake earlier endorsed oops and tanks if necessary" to npel integration. To such proposals editors of *Fellowship* would remark t if the situation reaches a point ere desperate remedies are required, re suitable weapons are to be found in the nonviolent arsenal of reconciliation. Whatever the immediate results might be, the long-range effects of granting to a large and remote government a virtual monopoly on education might present us with formidable problems, and have the children more bedeviled by conformity than they now are by racial bias.

The fact is that God has not left himself without some sort of witnesses. On Sept. 20, sixty-one Little Rock attorneys branded Faubus' action illegal and urged a vote for integration. A group of 65 students petitioned for the immediate reopening of the schools, and a Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools has been formed to rally thousands to vote for integration in the referendum.

Would federal tanks add one cubit to the moral stature of these people?

Notes on the Brink

We cannot oppose the use of force by Red China and at the same time support the threat of force by Chiang Kai-shek.

These islands have no strategic value except possibly for aggressive purposes against the mainland of China.

Not a single American life, not to speak of the peace of the world, should be sacrificed for the defense of Quemoy and Matsu. That defense involves neither moral nor legal principle, nor does it have the justification of vital American interest. --*Herbert H. Lehman*

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M. L. King in Critical Condition, Has Pneumonia After Stabbing

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was on the critical list as *Fellowship* went to press, and had developed pneumonia. Dr. King was stabbed near the aorta (main artery) on Sept. 20 while autographing copies of his book, *Stride Toward Freedom* (Harper, $2.95), at a Harlem department store in New York City. The Montgomery desegregation leader was attacked by a 42-year-old Negro woman from Florida, who was believed to be mentally ill. The woman, Mrs. Izola Curry, plunged a seven-inch letter-opener into Dr. King's chest.

Gregg, Bigelow Sign for FOR Training Sessions

Richard B. Gregg, author of the basic text, *The Power of Nonviolence*, and *Golden Rule* skipper Albert Bigelow have been signed up for the faculty of the FOR's first two training sessions at Shadowcliff. Gregg, whose book was first published in 1935, has just returned from a two-year stay in India. Bigelow was released from jail in August after serving 60 days for attempting to sail his ship into the U.S. nuclear test zone.

The two will be joined by authorities on other aspects of pacifism and nonviolence in the intensive sessions planned for December and January.

The first, scheduled for December 26-29, will be a "pacifist leadership training institute" designed to equip volunteers for peace work in their own communities. It will include lectures on the history, psychology, theology and politics of pacifism, emphasis on organizational techniques, and di cussion and role-playing periods nonviolence. It will be limited to persons, with a fee of $30 includi room and meals.

The second session, scheduled f January 29--February 1, will conce trate on training "internes in nonvi lence," with heavy emphasis on t use of nonviolence in the struggle f racial equality. Applicants for th session will be asked to commit the selves to two-week periods of "eme gency service" in the South or els where if called. Only mature, ded cated persons will be accepted. Th session will be limited to twenty pe sons, with the fee set at $35, inclu ing room and meals.

Applications and inquiries shou be sent to the director of the progra Prof. Earle Warner, at Box 271, Nya N.Y.

Pacifist Author of Best-Seller Admits He Is Ex-Convict

Harry Golden, author of the nation No. 1 best-selling book, *Only In Americ* (World, $4), revealed last month that h served a prison sentence of 3½ yea for mail fraud back in the 1920s. Th genial story-teller and foe of racial i justice made the disclosure in order t head off blackmail attempts resultin from the wide popularity of his boo He expressed concern that his "past might hurt the cause of integration. A *Fellowship* went to press, however, hi friends were apparently standing b him and none of his public appearance had been canceled.

The editors of *Fellowship* foun much of their attitude summarized in *New York Times* editorial; "The re exposure is of an unpremeditated sor It is a view of a man's heart, of a lo able philosopher who truly spoke America, contributing to our curre mood an integration of New York East Side with a section of the O South....If he was rightly penalized quarter of a century ago...he is no rightly rewarded and honored for th highly endowed man he so evident has become."

THE FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION

The British Fellowship of Reconiation, in a statement deploring last nth's London race riots, took a firm nd against proposals for a restrice immigration policy aimed at curb the influx of nonwhite people from tish Commonwealth countries. The l causes of the riots, said the FOR, ill only be removed by a determined vance through every social and edational channel towards better undernding on both sides." The FOR call upon "all Christians and people of od will to make clear by their actions w and in the future that they believe our common wealth and common reonsibility for one another."

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More than 1000 people attended a rld Peace Fair on Sept. 13 at George hool, near Philadelphia. Among the ding participants were FOR Execve Committee member George W. loughby and FOR Advisory Council mber Charles F. Boss. The fair was onsored by 25 organizations, includ the FOR.

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German FOR member Martin Niemöller was recently barred from the pul of a village church in Kreuth Baia. The local pastor took this action, said, because the pacifist pastor as frequently labeled atomic arments promoters as atheists."

Dr. Niemöller confirmed this, assert that persons advocating the stocking of nuclear weapons, "even if y describe themselves as Chrisns," are in effect acting as "materists, nihilists and atheists."

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IFOR Traveling Secretary Hildegard ss-Mayr was scheduled to speak on t. 1 at a parish supper at St. John's urch, Waterbury, Conn., to begin a -week tour of the United States. From n until Oct. 16 she will appear at ious places in upstate and metroitan New York, and in Baltimore, shington and Philadelphia.

For complete schedule, write to the v. John Nevin Sayre, IFOR, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. For New England, Texas and California dates, write to the following;

Oct. 17-23. Robert Gussner, FOR, 10 Kirkland Rd., Cambridge 39, Mass.

Oct. 25-31. Melvin Zuck, AFSC, 2106 Nueces St., Austin 5, Texas.

Nov. 1-17. Wilson C. Riles, FOR, 1205 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 7, Calif.

Mrs. Goss-Mayr will appear at the Catholic Worker, New York City, on Oct. 24. The balance of her itinerary will take her to Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania. She will leave for Europe on Dec. 10.

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A Committee for Open Occupancy in Levittown (COOL) was initiated last month by the Middle Atlantic Region of the FOR. Purpose of COOL is to abolish racial restrictions at all-white Levittown, New Jersey, now under construction. COOL chairman is FOR member Irving Hollingshead Jr. of Rancocas, N.J.

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FOR Secretary-Emeritus A. J. Muste, just back from a tour of Europe and Russia, is writing an article dealing with peace efforts in the churches there, to be published in the November 1 issue of *Fellowship*. The same issue will feature articles by Nels F. S. Ferré, William Robert Miller and William H. Marwick.

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The Rev. Maurice F. McCrackin, a Cincinnati Presbyterian minister and FOR member, was carried to court last month for refusal to pay taxes. Long a target of the American Legion for his steadfast opposition to war, McCrackin has been hounded by the State of Georgia since a visit he made to Koinonia Farm last year. He has openly refused to pay taxes for the past ten years, stating, "I simply don't want to give my money for something I think is wrong." A hearing has been set for September 26.

Form New Committee For Direct Action

The formation of a new Committee on Nonviolent Action was recommended by a committee from various peace and pacifist organizations that met at the Westtown (Pa.) School September 17-18.

The new CNVA would replace Nonviolent Action Against Nuclear Weapons, an *ad hoc* group formed to sponsor some specific projects during the past eighteen months. It would include representatives of the organizations as well as individuals.

The new group's functions are seen as coordinating activities in the direct action field, acting as a clearing house for projects undertaken by specific groups, counseling with sponsors of projects and prospective projects, and, on occasion, itself acting as a sponsoring agency.

The recommendations grew out of the realization that direct action projects may be especially relevant in these days, and the need to bring them into a closer relationship with the regular programs of existing organizations. George Willoughby, executive secretary of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors and a member of the *Golden Rule* crew, will serve as temporary chairman of CNVA. The Fellowship of Reconciliation was represented in the Westtown meetings by A. J. Muste, Alfred Hassler, Glenn Smiley and Charles Walker.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 2. Greater Boston FOR: "T Pacifist Issue in the World Council Churches," Walter G. Muelder, speak 7:30 p.m. (supper at 6), Friends Ce ter, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambrid Mass.

Oct. 4. Philadelphia Area FOR C ference: "The Outlook for Peace 10:30 a.m. -- 9:30 p.m., at Elizabe town College. Write Charles C. Walk Cheyney, Pa.

Oct. 8. Washington Pacifist Fellows film showing at 8:30 p.m.: "A Ti for Greatness." Friends Meeting Hou 2111 Florida Ave. NW, Washington, D

Oct. 13. Lutheran Peace Fellows meeting, 12 noon, YMCA (dining rm. Dayton, Ohio.

Oct. 22-25. AFSC Seminar, "Natio alism: Its Alternatives," United N tions, N.Y.

Oct. 24. Middle Atlantic FOR Regio Retreat: "The Peacemaking Task the Life of the Spirit," Camp Hillt Downingtown, Pa. Write: Charles Walker, Cheyney, Pa.

Nov. 14-15. AFSC Seminary Conferen on Church and War, Lincoln, Ma Write: George Marshfield, 130 Brat Street, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Nov. 19-22. AFSC Seminar on Ci Rights and Liberties, Washington, D.

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